

March 10, 2010

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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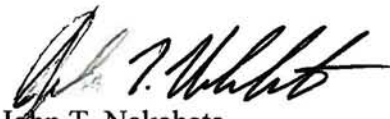
RE: *Application of Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and Frontier Communications Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic Section 214 Authority, WC Docket No. 09-95*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 9, 2010, Kathleen Abernathy, Chief Legal Officer of Frontier Communications Corporation ("Frontier"), spoke with Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB") and Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff to Chairman Genachowski. Additionally, Donna Epps, of Verizon ("Verizon"), spoke with Angela Kronenberg, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, and Christi Shewman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Baker. On behalf of Frontier, I spoke with Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, and with Nicholas Alexander, Carol Simpson, and Alexis Johns, of the WCB. The substance of these conversations is summarized in the attached written materials.

A copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

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Attachment 1

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Verizon Responds to State Administrative Law Judge's Recommendation on Frontier Transaction

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – *An administrative law judge with the Illinois Commerce Commission on Tuesday (March 9) issued a proposed order opposing the transaction under which Frontier Communications Corporation would acquire the local landline operations of Verizon Communications in Illinois. The following statement should be attributed to Carl Erhart, president of Verizon's Central region:*

"We disagree with the administrative law judge's proposed order, which, it's important to note, is just a recommendation.

"The record developed in this case provides comprehensive evidence and assurances that the transaction with Frontier Communications is in the public interest and will ultimately provide many benefits to Illinois residents.

"This is underscored by the fact that Verizon and Frontier have reached separate agreements that address the issues raised by all parties in this case but the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. In addition, the commission staff has recommended the transaction be approved by the commission.

“Based on the record in this case, we believe the commission should not adopt the administrative law judge’s recommendation, but instead should issue an order that approves the transaction, as regulatory commissions in six other states have already done.”

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Attachment 2



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Frontier Disappointed with Illinois Administrative Law Judge Draft Order

The formal record that was developed over recent months by Frontier, Verizon and others regarding the transaction between Frontier Communications and Verizon directly contradicts an Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) recommendations. The following statement from Frontier Communications should be attributed to Dan McCarthy, Chief Operating Officer of Frontier Communications (NYSE: FTR).

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 9, 2010 -- Today's proposed order by an ALJ in Illinois ignores the numerous public interest benefits outlined in the complete record developed in the Frontier/Verizon transaction. This record fully addresses the issues raised by the ALJ. We are confident that once the full Illinois Commerce Commission reviews the record, they will vote to support the transaction.

Frontier and Verizon have addressed all major issues in several settlements reached with parties in this transaction. The companies have agreed to multiple conditions proposed by the Staff of the Commission and have also entered into settlement agreements to resolve the issues raised by wholesale customers that intervened in this proceeding. Additional parties to settlements include: Comcast Phone of Illinois, Level 3 Communications, Inc., the Illinois Public Telecommunications Association, the Department of Defense and All Other Federal Executive Agencies, the Attorney General and the Citizens Utility Board.

Finally, as part of those settlements, Frontier has formally committed to expand broadband to 85 percent of the households in the Verizon Illinois service areas covered by the transaction and spend in excess of \$40 million to accomplish this effort.

In the next two weeks, Frontier will respond to the ALJ recommendation and will restate its qualifications as a premier provider of telecommunications services to the citizens of Illinois.

Frontier has been a leading provider of telecommunications services to Illinois customers for a decade, and during this time we have demonstrated our ability to meet our commitment to providing quality service. Without any regulatory mandates we have deployed broadband availability to more than 90 percent of our footprint in Illinois.

“We hope to deliver these same broadband benefits to even more consumers in Illinois as soon as possible.”

About Frontier Communications

Frontier Communications Corporation (NYSE: FTR) is a full-service communications provider and one of the largest local exchange telephone companies in the country serving rural areas and small and medium-sized towns and cities. Frontier is included in the S&P 500 Index. Frontier Communications offers telephone, television and Internet services, including wireless Internet data access, as well as bundled offerings, specialized bundles for small businesses and home offices, and data security solutions. Additional information about Frontier products and services is available at www.frontier.com. More information about the company may be found at www.frontier.com/ir.

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